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NPIC/PEG (02/82)Copy 24SS-NX-20 LAUNCH PREPARATIONS
NENOKSA LAUNCH FACILITY D, USSR

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: AN SS-NX-20 SLBM LAUNCH IS IMMINENT.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: THE THREE PIECES OF THE THREE-PIECE ENVIRONMENTAL COVER AND THE MOBILE CRANE ARE OUTSIDE THE FENCE AT NENOKSA LAUNCH FACILITY D. THE CRANE AND ONE OF THE PIECES OF THE COVER HAVE BEEN MOVED OUTSIDE THE FENCE SINCE [REDACTED] THIS ACTIVITY AND THE EIGHT-HOUR CLOSURE IN THE AREA REPORTED BY DEFSMAC SUGGEST THAT AN SS-NX-20 SUBMARINE LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCH IS IMMINENT.

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LAUNCH PREPARATIONS WERE FIRST OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] WHEN A SECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COVER HAD BEEN REMOVED AND WAS EAST OF THE ERECTOR/LOADING DEVICE. BY [REDACTED] TWO SECTIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COVER HAD BEEN MOVED OUTSIDE THE FENCE, AND THE THIRD SECTION WAS WEST OF THE ERECTOR/LOADING DEVICE. ON [REDACTED] A 19-METER RAILCAR, WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SS-NX-20 MISSILE, WAS ON THE NORTH RAIL SPUR LEADING TO THE HIGH BAY SLBM ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING. THIS RAILCAR, WHICH WAS SNOW FREE, WAS PROBABLY USED TO LOAD AN SS-NX-20 MISSILE INTO THE LAUNCH TOWER. BETWEEN [REDACTED] THE THIRD SECTION AND THE MOBILE CRANE WERE MOVED OUTSIDE THE FENCE. THE REMOVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COVERS OCCURS PRIOR TO A MISSILE FIRING FROM LAUNCH FACILITY D.

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3. [REDACTED], COORDINATES 64-36-33N 039-14-15E

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